



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
(Case No. 98,714)

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In re Application of:

David Baunoch, et al.

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For: **METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR
AUTOMATED REPROCESSING OF
TISSUE SAMPLES**

Group Art Unit: 1744

Examiner: W. H. Beisner

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P.O. Box 1450
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REPLY TO SEPTEMBER 21, 2004 FINAL REJECTION

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Dear Sir:

This is a Reply to the September 21, 2004 Official Action for the above-captioned U.S. patent application.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the **Listing of claims** which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.